BAVED BY A PLUG OF TOBACCO. the Rollier That Struck at so

tleman who came in from the Tip Top country, says the Prescott Courier, states that on one Sunday ng a well known prospector who six feet in his stockings and

vears a No. 13 boot was enjoying ain! sunshine of a hill when he on the tail of a mouster rattlee, which was also enjoying a sun

first intimation the prospector the snake's presence was a sharp. hisa quickly followed by a og sound, as the great snake tacif in a whiptike semicircle the air, dashing its head inst the prospector's left top vest ket, which contained a large square ug of chewing tobacco, into which the sanke sunk its fangs and from which it was anable to pull them through the cloth vest, and there the snake hung. with its tail fast under the prospector's boot and its head within a few inches of his mouth, thrushing its body against his overalls with the sound of three

el chambermaids beating a carpet. The prospector stood like one mea-merized, inhaling the sickening odor which rose from the mouth of the hisske, with his eyes fastened on the d-like orbs of the enraged reptile. snake's struggles grew weake sides of its mouth, the tobacco ng it sick, and in a short time it limp, dangling from the prosr's vest like a great rawhide rope.

The tobacco had made it deadly sick, passed over its eyes, the charm was broken, a spasmodic movement of the prospector's arm and the bentile's head was crushed against the plug of tobacco, when the horrified prospector fell over unconscious, where he was soon afterwards found by a companion, all tangled up with the dead snake. He was disenguired, restored to conscious ness and feit for his plug of tobacco, cut out and threw away a bright-green piece from the middle of it, took a chew om the corner of the plug and told the above story.

MARCHING ON STILTS.

A Curious Method of Locomotion Prac-

fs of human endurance are no der of the day, but perhaps the oddest test in this direction is that remade in France in which couriers remarkable feat of marching over one hundred miles on stilts. This thod of locomotion in this country is the occasional sport of the small boy, but in the Landes in the southern part of France, where the land lies low and grass is tall, it is the only means by which the shepherds can look after their flocks with expedition and suc-The consequence is that the flock nders become as expert on stilts as on their feet, the irregular surface and the difficulties in locomotion havity that is described as being truly

La Nature gives an idea of these men equipped for the journey alluded he distance covered was a little ne hundred miles, and this was ished in about fifty-five hours, age rate of going being nearly on per hour. While this is not d, yet it is said that, conside fact that the course was laid me and macadamized roads, thus the inflexible stilts d, the time made is regarded as

ROUGE USED LONG AGO.

shies Some Kinds Inne-Personal adornment by means of cosmetics has been practiced from most ancient times. Classical writers inform us that the dames of Greece and Rome derived the custom of using cosmetics from the Egyptians. Eastern women of all times have freely indulged in "painting and decorating," and it, Spare Bioments thinks, is probable that also from the Egyptians the Jewish women learned the habit, which, being used by Jesebel on a memorable occasion, has sebel on a memorable occasion, has alle her name forever proverbial in meetion with the subject. In England the use of rouge as a cosmetic com-menced in the days when ladies disfig-ured themselves by patches of court-plaster stuck on different parts of the face—that is, about the middle of the sixteenth century. The fashion as to patches and abuse of cosmetics culmi-nated during the reigns of the two Charles. While the wearing of patches has almost completely disappeared— although it is impossible to say it might not be revived—the use of rouge, in peraps more moderate fashion, has c tinued down to the present day. In the case of vegetable rouge, if properly prepared, its use is completely innocuous; but much that is sold is said to contain

> gerous to use. Wagner's Nerve.

reparations of lead, making it highly

Wagner, the composer, had the nerves of an acrobat. Once he was climbing a pitons mountain in company with ng friend. When some distance a young friend. When some distance up and waiking along a narrow ledge the companion, who was following, called out that he was growing giddy. Wagner turned round on the ledge of the rock, caught his friend and passed him between the rock and himself to the front. His biographer, Ferdinand Praeger, relates an incident of a visit to Wagner at his Swiss home. The two to Wagner at his Swiss home. The two men sat one morning on an ottoman in the drawing room, talking over the events of the years. Suddenly Wagner, who was sixty years old, rose and stood on his head upon the ottoman. At that moment Wagner's wife entered. Her surprise and alacm caused her to run to her husband, exclaiming: "Aht Richard! Richard!" Quickly recovering himself, he assured her that he was himself, he assured her that he was same, and wished to show that he could stand on his head at sixty, which was more than Ferdinand could do. Perhaps Wagner wrote some of his music while standing on his head. It certainly reverses many old-time ideas of com-

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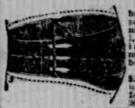
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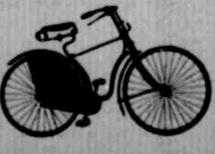
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